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## NEW LAW ALLOWS HPD TO ENFORCE COUNTY TRAFFIC CODES IN THE VILLAGES OF KAPOLEI

HONOLULU – Acting Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr. signed a new law today that allows the Honolulu Police Department to enforce county traffic laws in the Villages of Kapolei.

Act 120 clarifies Chapter 201G of the Hawaii Revised statutes with a new definition of "public housing project" and "complex." The law will help to address traffic concerns at the Villages of Kapolei, a master-planned residential housing community developed by the state Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH). The Honolulu Police Department, while able to enforce moving violations, could not issue city parking citations in the area because the community was perceived as a public housing project.

"The purpose of this law is to clear any ambiguities in the statute that would hinder police from enforcing the city traffic code," said Aiona.

The Villages of Kapolei is a state sponsored master-planned community, which includes affordable housing that is home to more than 2,500 families.

"I am delighted with the signing of SB 797 into law," said Representative Mark Moses, who represents Makakilo, Kapolei and Royal Kunia. "This represents the culmination of my efforts working with the community over the past few years to ensure the residents of the Villages of Kapolei can depend upon police enforcement of the City and County traffic code."

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